

Board of Governors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Boyd Conference Room and Via Google Meet google.com/weq-yscj-wvt

Members Present: Mr. Charlie Cole – Google Meet, Chair; Mr. Shannon Remines, Mr. Anthony Tolley – Google Meet; Mr. Tim McKenzie; Mr. Jack Sheffler; Ms. Cathy Deeb, Mr. Bill Cole – Google Meet, Mrs. Rebecca Peterson; Mr. Mike Hastings, Mr. Gabriel Nesmith, Mr. Randy Price

Guests: Interim President Darrin Martin; Mr. Brent Benjamin, EVP; Mr. Ronnie Hypes, CFO; Sarita Rhonemus, Interim Provost; Jerry Wood; Sandra Wynn; Karen Grogan; Carolyn Jamkhandi; Jane Charnock; Sudkalar Jamkhandi; Garry Moore; Angela Lambert; Julie Orr; Vanessa Godfrey; Derrick Price; Amanda Matoushek; Lawrence Robinson; Carolyn Long; Google Meet Attendees: Sherri Williams; Dan Trent; Michelle Taylor; Felicia Oakes; Tamara Ferguson; David McMillian; Billy Davis; Brittany Anderson; Angie Wassum;

Welcome, Vice-Chair's Remarks, and Call to Order: Vice Chair Mr. Remines:

Vice-Chair Remines welcomed all in attendance. Stated that the special meeting was going to focus on the 3 HLC issues and turned the meeting over to Dr. Martin.

Dr. Martin announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors that was to be held on Thursday, February 29th was being moved to Thursday, March 7th due to CIAA Tournament obligations. All regular board material and full reports will be reviewed on during the 7th Board of Governors meeting.

Dr. Martin turned the meeting over to Mr. Benjamin to review the three HLC matters and comments received during the posting period.

New Business:

- Hiring Policy Update: Brent Benjamin, EVP
 - ◆ Comment received and reviewed. Comments were sent to the board members in advance.
 - 'classified' was removed
 - Is the Chancellor the DEI? Yes, he is.
 - Section 3.4.1 in regards to African American representation on a search committee – wording add “to the extent possible”
 - Positions that are excluded – removed ‘~~administrative positions which report directly to the President~~’

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- Hiring Policy Update: Brent Benjamin, EVP - Continued
 - Question pertaining to questions asked during the interview process – Can a search member ask for clarification information? No, A follow-up question for limited clarification is permissible. What that means is that a question may be asked to clarify a response given by an applicant. A question may not be asked to clarify a question which was asked by another committee member or in that regard. This is about balance. This is about balancing the need of the university to get the best possible candidates forward
 - Two substantive changes were made. Recommend to the board that this policy be place out for another 30-day comment period and then voted on during the April 25th board meeting
 - ◆ Vice Chair Remines brought forth the matter to vote on placing the Hiring Policy of for another 30-day comment period. Mr. Sheffler motioned the acceptance, Mr. Hastings seconded. A majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- Post Tenure Review Policy: Brent Benjamin, EVP
 - ◆ Suspend the policy for one year and post for comment
 - Comments and recommendations were reviewed and accepted.
 - ◆ Vice Chair Reminted brought forth the matter to vote on the acceptance Post Tenure Review policy being suspended for one-year beginning February 2025. Mr. Sheffler motioned the acceptance, Mrs. Peterson seconded. A majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- Faculty Assembly By-Laws: Brent Benjamin, EVP
 - ◆ Review of comments received.
 - ◆ Vice Chair Remines brought forth the matter to accept the Faculty By-Laws as written. Mr. Sheffler motioned the acceptance, Ms. Deeb seconded. A majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. All were in favor. The motion carried.
- Immunization and Record Retention
 - ◆ These two items will be reviewed during the March 7th meeting.

Announcements: None:

Comments:

Board Members: None

Public Comments: None submitted

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Executive Session:

- Mr. Sheffler made a motion to move into executive session – Mr. Price seconded the motion, board of governors meeting moved into executive session at 4:22 PM.
- Mr. Benjamin was asked to remain and Interim President Martin excused himself from the Executive Session.
- Mr. Remines made a motion to exit executive session at 4:55 PM – Mr. Nesmith motioned and Mr. Price seconded.

Actions Emanating from Executive Session

Action

Mr. Benjamin advised that the Board of Governors discussed matters related to the search for Bluefield State's next President and that no action need be voted on.

Adjournment:

Vice Chair Remines made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hasting. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

The next regularly scheduled BSU Board of Governors meeting will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Attachments:

Items for comment 2.6.2024

Minutes submitted by: Jeanne Moricle, Board Liaison